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TAGE: GY, OVIP  
SUBJECT: ZIMBABWEAN LEADER'S REMARKS AT CONCLUSION OF GUYANA VISIT

REF: GEORGETOWE 1798

SUMMARY: JOSHUA NKOMO CLOSED HIS VISIT TO GUYANA  
AUGUST 10 WITH PRESS CONDERENCE IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED HIS  
AUG 7& 9 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG, HIS UPCOMING TRIP  
TO US AND FUTURE OF ZIMBABWE. NKOMO EMPHASIZED TTAT  
ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE US CO-  
SPONSOR PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT OF ZIMBABWE ISSUE BUT US  
SUPPORT FOR A BRITISH OR NATIONALIST PLAN WOULD BE  
ACCEPTABLE. DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING ZIMBABWE MUST NOW  
CENTER ON MECHANICS OF TRANSITION FROM WAR SITUATION  
TO INDEPENDENT CONSTITUTIONAL RULE. END SUMMARY.

1. AUGUST 11 "GUYANA CHRONICLE" REPORTED NKOMO'S  
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PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS IN WHICH THE ZIMBABWEAN  
LEADER DISCUSSED HIS MEETING WITH US AMBASSADOR YOUNG,  
UPCOMING TRIP TO US, AND FUTURE OF ZIMBABWE.

2. COMMENTING ON HIS LATE NIGHT MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR  
YOUNG ON AUGUST 9, NKOMO EXPLAINED THAT HE TOLD YOUNG  
THAT ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE AN

ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR ZIMBABWE. ANY PLAN MUST BE EITHER A NATIONALIST OR BRITISH PROPOSAL, BUT US COULD SUPPORT A BRITISH PLAN. ACCORDING TO NKOMO, YOUNG AGREED WITH THIS NATIONALIST POSITION. NKOMO SAID HE WAS GOING TO US TO GET CLEAR VIEW OF US INTENTIONS CONCERNING ZIMBABWE AND HOPED TO MEET WITH SECSTATE VANCE. NKOMO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORTS HE HAD HEARD THAT US WOULD CO-SPONSOR PLAN FOR SETTling ZIMBABWE ISSUE DESPITE ASSURANCES TO CONTRARY BY VANCE.

3. NKOMO EMPHASIZED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON ZIMBABWE SHOULD NOW CENTER ON HOW TO MOVE FROM WAR SITUATION TO INDEPENDENT CONSTITUTION. PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS NOT DEMANDING TRANSFER OF POWER TO ITSELF AS PRE-CONDITION FOR DISCUSSIONS, BUT THERE MUST BE AGREEMENT ON WHAT POLITICAL POWER STRUCTURE WILL BE SET UP TO FACILITATE SHIFT FROM WAR SITUATION. FRONT WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT OF FROM THREE TO SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. NKOMO DESCRIBED AS NONSENSE REPORTS THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT DID NOT WANT ELECTIONS.

4. NKOMO SAID HE WAS NOT A RACIST, AND THERE WOULD BE NO REPRISALS AFTER INDEPENDENCE EXCEPT JUST PUNISHMENT OF MERCENARIES. NKOMO MAINTAINED THAT WAR COULD BE WON IN "TWO WEEKS" IF SMITH WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY "ENTIRE  
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5. NKOMO STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ZIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S UNION AND ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION. HE LABELLED UNITED AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS HEADED BY BISHOP MUZOREWA AS COLLECTION OF CLERGYMEN WHO HAD SOLD SOULS TO SMITH.  
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